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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM
TOGOLESE PRESIDENT

1. DEPARTMENT SENT ORIGINAL OF REPLY FROM PRESIDENT CARTER
TO PRESIDENT EYADEMA VIA POUCH WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4. IF YOU
HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED AND TRANSMITTED TO GOT, PLEASE DE-
LIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING RESPONSE. NOTE THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER CONTAINS ERRONEOUS REFERENCE TO
EYADEMA'S LETTER OF AUGUST 5. EYADEMA'S LETTER ACTUALLY
DATED AUGUST 3. DESPITE ERROR, ORIGINAL SHOULD BE
DELIVERED ON RECEIPT.

2. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY
KIND LETTER OF AUGUST 5. I APPRECIATE YOUR GRACIOUS
REMARKS ABOUT AMBASSADOR PALMER AND HIS ROLE IN ALERTING
YOU TO THE DISTURBING REPORTS WE HAD RECEIVED.

3. QUOTE I BELIEVE THAT ALL COUNTRIES HAVE THE RIGHT TO
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LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURITY, FREE FROM EXTERNAL THREATS.
IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT THE UNITED STATES OPPOSES
ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AGAINST ALL NATIONS
AND INDIVIDUALS.

4. QUOTE I AM GRATIFIED TO NOTE YOUR GOVERNMENT'S RESOLVE
TO SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF

DISPUTES AND THE MAINTENANCE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY THROUGH YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SHABA PEACEKEEPING FORCE. YOUR COUNTRY IS PLAYING A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN SHABA. ALL COUNTRIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHABA PEACEKEEPING FORCE CAN BE PROUD OF THIS EFFORT AS A CRUCIAL STEP TOWARD STABILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL AFRICA. WITH EVERY GOOD WISH, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQUOTE.

5. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

7. QUOTE MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT ET CHER AMI, QU'IL ME SOIT PERMIS, PAR LA PRESENTE, DE VOUS ADRESSER MES VIFS REMERCIEMENTS AINSI QUE L'EXPRESSION DE MA PROFONDE GRATITUDE POUR L'ATTITUDE TRES AMICALE ET TRES COMPREHENSIVE QUI A ETE LA VOTRE AU MOMENT DES EVENEMENTS D'OCTOBRE DERNIER LORSQUE'UNE BANDE DE MERCENAIRES AVAIT FAILLI ATTENTER A MA VIE POUR REMETTRE EN CAUSE LA STABILITE POLITIQUE ET LA PAIX RETROUVEES DANS MON PAYS: LA REPUBLIQUE TOGOLAISE.

7. QUOTE JE VOUDRAIS A CET EGARD INSISTER SUR LE ROLE DETERMINANT QUE VOUS MEME, VOTRE GRAND PAYS, AINSI QUE VOTRE REPRESENTANT AU TOGO, L'AMBASSADEUR PALMER AVEZ JOUE POUR DEMASQUER LES IMPOSTEURS ET M'AVERTIR A TEMPS, CE QUI NOUS A PERMIS DE PRENDRE, AU MOMENT OPPORTUN, LES

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DISPOSITIONS QUI S'IMPOSAIENT, FACE A CES CIRCONSTANCES DIFFICILES.

8. QUOTE LE COMBAT COMMUN QUE NOS PEUPLES MENENT POUR MAINTENIR DES SYSTEMES GARANTISSANT LES LIBERTES FONDAMENTALES N'EST PAS POUR PLAIRE A TOUS.

9. QUOTE SOYEZ ASSURE CEPENDANT MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, QUE LE PEUPLE TOGOLAIS EST DECIDE A LUTTER POUR LA SAUVEGARDE DES SES ACQUIS ESSENTIELS QUI SONT: LA LIBERTE, LA JUSTICE, LA PAIX ET LA SECURITE, DANS LA COMPREHENSION FRATERNELLE DES PEUPLES QUI PARTAGENT AVEC LUI LES MEMES IDEAUX.

10. QUOTE DANS CETTE PERSPECTIVE LES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE ET LA REPUBLIQUE TOGOLAISE SE RETROUVERONT TOUJOURS POUR ASSURER LE MAINTIEN DE CES PRINCIPES DE BASE ET COOPERER ETROITEMENT EN VUE DE LEUR TRIOMPHE ET DE LEUR PROMOTION.

11. TOUT EN VOUS RENOUELANTE MES SINCERES REMERCIEMENTS, VEUILLEZ AGREER, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT ET CHER AMI, LES

ASSURANCES DE MA TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION. GENERAL
D'ARMEE G. EYADEMA UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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